

**Amendments to the Specification**

*Please replace the paragraph at page 1, beginning at line 5 with the following amended paragraph:*

This application is a divisional ~~(and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120)~~ of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/054,218, filed April 2, 1998, now abandoned, which claims the benefit under §119(e) of ~~which claims priority from~~ U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/042,678, filed April 2, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

*Please replace the paragraph at page 54, beginning at line 9 with the following amended paragraph:*

In both the classical and MBLectin pathways, the initiating molecular complexes are composed of an oligomeric ligand-binding component (MBL or Clq, ~~respectively~~) which, on reacting with ligands, activates the two associated serine proteases (MASP-1 and MASP-2 or C1r and C1s, ~~respectively~~).